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SUBJ: HAITIAN HABEAS CORPUS

REF: A. PORT AU PRINCE 2985, B. PORT AU PRINCE 3225

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY BRUTUS TOLD CHARGE 29 AUGUST THAT HE HAD JUST SIGNED (ALL CABINET MEMBERS MUST SIGN NEW LAWS) NEW LAW PASSED BY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY GUARANTEEING THAT ALL PRISONERS WOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE A JUDGE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THEIR ARREST. HE EXPECTED LAW TO BE PROMULGATED SHORTLY. NO LONGER, HE SAID, COULD PEOPLE BE STUFFED AWAY SOMEWHERE AND FORGOTTEN.

2. LAW ON DETENTION IS COMPANION TO LAW CREATING SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS (REF B). BOTH TRIBUNAL AND DETENTION (REFERRED TO AS HAITIAN EQUIVALENT TO HABEAS CORPUS) WERE REFERRED TO BY JUSTICE MINISTER DURING AMBASSADOR YOUNG VISIT (REF A) BUT BOTH HAVE BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR SOME TIME. BRUTUS SAID LAW ON DETENTION IS PATTERNED AFTER MODERN FRENCH LAW.

3. IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN PROMULGATION
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BUT GOH HAS ESTABLISHED IMPORTANT INCENTIVE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PREVIOUSLY VERY LAX PRACTICE OF ARRAIGNMENT.
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